

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph starting on line 22, page 5 to read as follows:

Fig. 12A is a flow diagram of system operations for calculating word inverse document frequencies (IDFs) for target words, and for generating a word-string vector representation of a target text; ~~and~~ Fig. 12B shows an exemplary IDF function used in calculating word IDF values; and Fig. 12C shows how the system operates when synonyms are employed in the search operation;